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1. REF A REPORTED THE RESULTS OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF  
DELEGATION DEFENSE ADVISORS WITH ASYG MUMFORD. AT THE  
MEETING, MUMFORD PROPOSED, AND ALL BUT THE US DEFAD AGREED,  
THAT EWG CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOW-THROUGH MACHINERY FOR THE  
APPROVED LTDP PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ORGANIZATION AND STAF-  
FING CHANGES, SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMIT.  
THE RATIONALE FOR SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION WAS THAT IT  
WOULD AVOID DISTRACTING CAPITALS FROM GETTING ON WITH  
THE MAJOR PROGRAMS. MUMFORD ALSO REVEALED AT THE MEETING  
WITH DEFADS THAT THE ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING PAPER  
WHICH DSYG PETRIGNANI SAID HE WOULD CIRCULATE WAS IN  
DRAFT FORM BUT MAY NOT BE CIRCULATED BECAUSE IT COULD  
ENCUMBER CAPITALS WITH TOPICS THAT COULD BETTER BE TAKEN  
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UP AFTER THE SUMMIT.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF B,  
WE HAVE PROVIDED DSYG PETRIGNANI RATHER EXTENSIVE US VIEWS  
ON PROPOSED FOLLOW-THROUGH MACHINERY, INCLUDING ORGANIZA-  
TION AND STAFFING CHANGES. REF B DOES NOT SPECIFY WHETHER  
US PROPOSALS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BEFORE OR AFTER THE SUMMIT.

HOWEVER, WE INFER FROM THE TENOR OF REF B THAT WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT SOME ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE EWG PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT, SPECIFICALLY IN THE DISCUSSION IN REF B OF AN ASYG FOR LOGISTICS, AND THE SUB-PARAGRAPH HEADED "STAFFING" WHICH CONTAINS FIVE "PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT" STAFFING RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE REVIEWED REF C, WHICH EXPLICITLY STATES (PARA 5) THAT THE EWG SHOULD NOW REPEAT NOW REVIEW SOME ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING PROPOSALS SO THAT APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE MADE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, PARA 5 STATES: "WE WOULD HOPE FOR FIRM RECOMMENDATIONS PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIAL OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEPSECGENERAL, FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF ASYG FOR LOGISTICS, AND FOR ADEQUATE STAFFING FOR C3 AND EW FUNCTIONS AT NATO COMMAND LEVELS."

4. DESPITE THE CONSENSUS TO DELAY CONSIDERATION OF ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING CHANGES EXPRESSED INFORMALLY BY DEFADS, WE BELIEVE WE MUST URGENTLY FOLLOW-UP OUR LETTER TO PETRIGNANI AND ENSURE THAT THE US PROPOSALS ARE CONSIDERED AT THE 13 APRIL EWG MEETING. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO STAND FIRM ON ALL US PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN OUR LETTER TO PETRIGNANI TO ENSURE THERE IS NO ALLIED MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE US WANTS AS FOLLOW-THROUGH TO THE LTDP. WE WOULD SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT IF THERE

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IS LITTLE SUPPORT FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTIRE PACKAGE OF US PROPOSALS BEFORE THE SUMMIT, THAT WE FALL BACK TO A CONSIDERATION OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARA 5, REF C, IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY:

- . (1) ASYG FOR LOGISTICS,
- . (2) STAFFING FOR C3 AND EW FUNCTIONS AT NATO COMMAND LEVELS,
- . (3) SPECIAL OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE TO DSYG.

COMMENT. WE HAVE LISTED THE SPECIAL OFFICE FOR THE DSYG THIRD IN PRIORITY ONLY BECAUSE THIS PROPOSAL HAS NOT YET BEEN TABLED IN THE EWG, NOR HAS IT BEEN CIRCULATED TO EWG REPRESENTATIVES. END COMMENT.

5. NOTICEABLY MISSING FROM PARA 5, REF C, IS THE SINGLE MANAGER CONCEPT. WE BELIEVE THIS MAY HAVE BEEN AN OVERSIGHT IN VIEW OF THE EMPHASIS ON IT IN REF B. WE WOULD PROPOSE, THEREFORE, SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION, TO ADD THE SINGLE MANAGER CONCEPT TO LIST IN PARA 4 ABOVE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OOB BRUSSELS  
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